Procurement of Helicopters by Pawan Hans

2555. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pawan Hans has decided to hire helicopters from other countries for offshore exploration and tourism;

(b) if so, the number of helicopters to be acquired and the countries from whom it will be acquired;

(c) the number of helicopters the company has got at present; and

(d) the places of tourism interest where helicopters services are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has 30 helicopters in its fleet

(d) At present, PHHL has been operation regular helicopter services for Mata Vaishno Devi. In addition, the helicopters deployed by PHHL in Lakshadweep, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Meghalaya are also being utilised for promotion of travel and tourism.

PHHL has plans for providing helicopter service to various tourist places such as Kedamath-Badrinath, Pantnagar-Nainital *etc*.

Expenditure on advertisements by Indian Airlines

2556. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent on giving advertisements in the newspapers and periodicals language-wise by the Indian Airlines during 1999-2000 particularly between 18th April to 31st December, 2000; and

(b) the names of Urdu newspapers and periodicals to whom advertisements of the Indian Airlines were given during the said period (separately)?

THE MINISTER OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a)The details of expenditure incurred by Indian Airlines in the newspapers and

periodicals (language-wise) during the year 1999-2000 and from 1.4.2000 to 31.12.2000 were as under: —

(Rs. in lacs)

Language	1999-2000	1.4.2000 to 31.12.2000
English	440.80	324.37
Hindi	35.21	32.37
Urdu	827	6.03
Kannada	2.84	0.20
Malyalam	14.50	020
Tamil	021	0.95
Gujarati	1.74	1.43
Marathi	2.16	0.46
Sindhi	0.10	0.15
Bangla	0.55	1.04
Punjabi	1.99	1.75
Telugu	—	0.12
Assamese	0.37	—
TOTAL:	508.74	369.07

(b) Names of Urdu Newspapers/Periodicals to whom advertisements of the Indian Airlines were given are as under:—

1999-2000	01.04.2000 to 31.12.2000
Akhbar-e-nau	Akhbar-e-nau
Khabbardar Jadeed	Khabbardar Jadeed
Lamha-e-Fikriyah	Lamha-e-Fikriyah
Mustaqbii	Mustaqbii
Saze-e-Deccan	Saze-e-Deccan
Siyasi Minar	Siyasi Minar
Akhbar-e-Mashriq	Akhbar-e-Mashriq
Jadeed Markaz	Jadeed Markaz
Karwan	Karwan

1999-2000	01.04.2000 to 31.122000
Mashriqi Jaraim	Mashriqi Jaraim
Secular Qayadat	Secular Qayadat
Hasan Ara Trust	—
Sahafat Urdu Daily	—
Jahanavi	—
Such Bilkul Sach	—

Issue of commercial licences

2557. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Wilt the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state;—

(a) the number of flying institutes in the country for imparting flying training to the trainee pilots;

(b) the criteria laid down for selection of a trainee pilot and how much admission and flying fee per hour is charged;

(c) the details of the commercial licences awarded during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise;

(d) whether licences were not awarded even after completing the flying hours; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) There are 44 flying training institutes in the country for imparting flying training to trainee pilots.

(b) The Aircraft Rules, 1937, as amended in 1993, prescribe that an applicant for Commercial Pilot Licence should have passed class 10+2 or an equivalent examination with physics and mathematics from a recognised board/university. This requirement regarding educational qualifications came into effect from 01.01.1994. However, for selection of the trainee pilots, no separate educational qualifications have been prescribed.

At present, the admission fee is Rs. 100/- (not refundable). The private flying training institutes are charging flying fee ranging between Rs. 3,000/-to Rs. 3,500/- per hour whereas the subsidised flying clubs are charging not more than Rs. 2,852/- per hour for subsidised flying and Rs. 3,060/- per hour